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Sir:

The Office Action mailed September 26, 2005, has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the application. Claims 6-22 were previously withdrawn. Claims 1-5 stand rejected. No new matter has been added. In view of the following, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections—35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as assertedly being unpatentable over Lunardi-Iskandar *et al.* (U.S. Patent 5,677,275) (hereinafter “Lunardi-Iskandar”) in view of Matsushima *et al.* (U.S. Patent 5,981,486) (hereinafter “Matsushima”).